

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/007,425

Examiner

Tse Chen

Applicant(s)

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the communication filed on 27 July 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-2, 5-11, 13-19, 21-25.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 28 February 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)           |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                   |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance  |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   |

### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. It is hereby acknowledged that the following papers have been received and placed of record in the file: Amendment dated July 27, 2005.

2. Claims 1-2, 5-11, 13-19 and 21-25 are presented for examination. Applicant has canceled claims 3-4, 12, and 20.

#### ***Examiner's Amendment***

3. An examiner's amendment of record appears below. Should changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

4. The application has been amended as follows:

5. Pursuant to MPEP 606.01, the title has been changed to read:

6. -- METHOD AND SYSTEM OF DYNAMIC VIDEO DRIVER SELECTION ON A BOOTABLE CD VIA SYMBOLIC LINKS --

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

7. Claims 1-2, 5-11, 13-19 and 21-25 are allowed.

8. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the claims are allowable because none of the references cited, either alone or in combination discloses or renders obvious "a computer system for enabling selection of appropriate, available resources for a hardware component of a data processing system, said computer system comprising code that when executed on the computer system provides: means for detecting a type of said hardware component during system boot of the data processing system via a read only medium (ROM);

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means for dynamically creating a RAM symlink file on a RAM of said data processing system, wherein said RAM symlink file includes functionality for responding to a receipt of an activation trigger by pointing to a selected resource file on said read only medium that enables correct operation of said type of said hardware component; means for dynamically selecting the resource file on the ROM from among multiple available resources located on said ROM and setting an object of the RAM symlink file to the selected resource file; means for triggering activation of said RAM symlink file using a ROM symlink file on said read only medium, wherein the ROM symlink file is pre-programmed with the address of the RAM symlink file as its object and said ROM symlink file is executed during said system boot via the ROM to trigger/activate its object file, which is the RAM symlink file; means, responsive to receipt of the activation from the ROM symlink file by the RAM symlink file, for selecting, via said RAM symlink file, the object of the RAM symlink file which object is the selected resource; means for linking said selected resource to support said hardware component during operation within said data processing system wherein said selected resource has a particular configuration file that is preferred and said RAM and ROM symlink files are first and second symlink files, respectively, said system further comprising code that when executed provides: means for creating a third symlink file on said RAM; means for determining which configuration file is preferred for said selected resource from among multiple configuration files available for selection on said ROM; means, responsive to the determination of a preferred configuration file, for setting an object of said third symlink file to said preferred configuration file; and means for activating an execution of said third symlink file, wherein said preferred configuration file is selected for said resource during operation of said particular type of hardware component”.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

*Conclusion*

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tse Chen whose telephone number is (571) 272-3672. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9AM - 5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynne Browne can be reached on (571) 272-3670. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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